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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment for whole body hens and toms is steady to weak. No sales reported on frozen birds but some fresh sales noted on mixed hens and toms for December deliveries. Offerings of whole birds mixed with availability more pronounced in the Midwest as compared to the balance of the U.S. Parts and meats trading light to moderate as some buyers trying to fill up pipelines depleted from the extended holiday weekend.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading generally light. Trading centered on moderately light volumes of tom drums and tom 2-joint wings. Inquiry improving as interest noted from various export regions.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 28, 2000**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	76-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	76-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED),
CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS
AS OF 28 NOVEMBER 2000.

Trade sentiment steady on tom full-cut wings, steady to fully steady on tom drums and frozen thigh meat for export. Export inquiry light to fair. Trading extremely light on tom drums at higher trending price levels for export to Asia, light on tom full-cut wings at mostly steady price levels for export to Russia. Domestic trading slow.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	26.50	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	29.00		29.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	23.50	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	24.00	18
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		T	22.00	6
NECKS, HEN		T	16.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	165.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	175.00		175.00	23
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	69.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	125.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	111.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	153.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	169.00	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	60.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	17.18	696
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00		28.00	52
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.00		25.00	260
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	25.00	156
TAILS		W	26.00	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	25.21	364
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	75.00	120

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96-104
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	104
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	86-88
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	79-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	79-83

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	109-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	104-129

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 29 NOVEMBER 2000.

Undertone about steady on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins, steady to barely steady on frozen tom breast meat and frozen destrapped tenderloins. Demand light to fair, best on fresh tom breast meat. Fresh offerings light to adequate, frozen adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady to firm on 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey (MST) with frozen the strongest. Demand mostly fair. The frozen thigh meat undertone starting to become unsettled. Some sellers report active frozen thigh meat export inquiry and rate the market as steady to strong. A few buyers, however, note spot frozen thigh meat offerings at lower trending price levels and less aggressive buyer interest as a partial response to a lack of new permits from Mexico. Domestic trading light and centered on fresh tom breast meat, fresh destrapped tenderloins, and fresh MST. Fresh whole tenderloins traded at 140 cents delivered. Export trading centered on moderately light volumes of tom 2-joint wings and tom drums.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	28.00		28.00	10
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	29.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.50-28.00		25.00	70
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	24.00	18
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.00		24.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	20.00-24.00		22.67	90
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	165.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	170.00-175.00		171.18	220
THIGH MEAT	74.00		74.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	69.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT	125.00		125.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	115.00		115.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	149.00-150.00		149.50	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	169.00-170.00		169.40	100
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	58.00		58.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00-20.50		19.67	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.50-28.00		25.86	280
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.00		25.00	92
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.50-26.00		25.79	364
TAILS	21.00-24.00		22.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	22.00		22.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	74.00		74.00	80

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 11/29/00

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD	ACCUMULATED		
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2000-2001	1,207	142,353	145,603
1999-2000	6,195	154,095	154,445